

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) Use of the tripeptide XPP, wherein X= C, M, S, T, or K and/or salts thereof for the preparation of an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor.

Claim 2 (Original) Use according to claim 1, wherein the tripeptide is XPP, wherein X= C, M, S, or T.

Claim 3 (Original) Use according to claim 2, wherein the tripeptide is XPP, wherein X= M, S, or T.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) Use according to ~~any of claims 1-3~~claim 1, wherein the angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor is a functional food product.

Claim 5 (Original) Food product suitable for lowering blood pressure in humans comprising an amount of 5 mg/g or more of XPP, wherein X=C, M, S, T, K, P or A.

Claim 6 (Original) Food product according to claim 5, wherein the amount of XPP is 10mg/g or more.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) Food product according to ~~claim 5 or 6~~, wherein the XPP is XPP, wherein X= C, M, S, or T.

Claim 8 (Original) Food product according to claim 7, wherein the XPP is XPP, wherein X= M, S, or T.

Claim 9 (Original) Process for the preparation of a food product comprising XPP, wherein X= C, M, S, T, or K, involving the following steps:

- a) enzymatic hydrolysis of a substrate comprising protein having the sequence XPP, resulting in a hydrolysed protein product;
- b) separation from the hydrolysed protein product of a fraction rich in tripeptide;
- c) drying the fraction from step b) to obtain a solid rich in tripeptide XPP;
- d) using the solid prepared in step c) as an ingredient in the preparation of the food product.